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Friday morning's winter storm threat

Jason Simpson
WVTM13 Chief Meteorologist

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Below is a Wednesday afternoon (press time) look at Friday morning's winter storm threat.

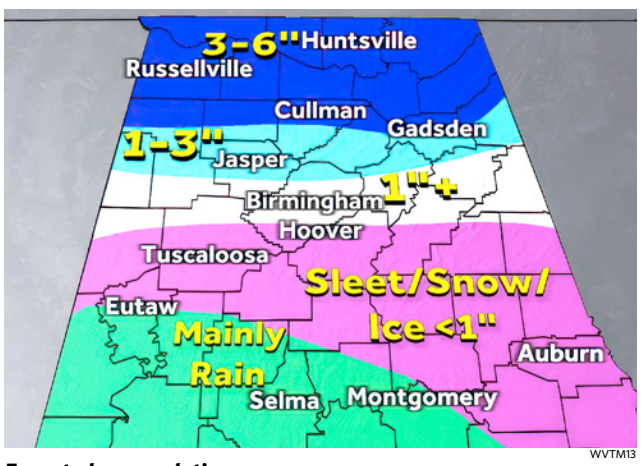
Some basic info to know:

• Snow/ice begins to accumulate in Alabama around 3 a.m. Friday. It might sneak in a little before that west of Tuscaloosa, Jasper, and Cullman, but a 3 a.m. start time is a reasonable expectation.

• I've highlighted the Birmingham-Tuscaloosa area because this is where we'll go from a better "snow" in north Jefferson County to a wintry mix over north Shelby, southwestern Jefferson, and most of Tuscaloosa County early Friday morning.

• As of this writing, expect roads to be AT LEAST slushy or completely covered in ice/ snow in these three counties between 4-11 a.m. Friday.

• By early afternoon Friday, SOME of the roads in Tuscaloosa and Shelby Counties will probably be clear of significant ice/ » PAGE 5



Expected accumulations

Holly Pond council talks spending



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond Town Hall

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Holly Pond Town Council on Monday, Jan. 6, voted to raise two town government wages, viewed a proposed ordinance for mayor and council salaries and received a report on road repair spending in 2024.

The council raised the hourly wages of the town clerk and library assistant by substantial amounts. The clerk's wages, $16.50 per hour for several years, were raised to $18.50 per hour, with Mayor Carla Hart presenting information showing that the amount remains at the low end of average wages for town clerks in Alabama. The library assistant position moved from $10 per hour to $15 per hour after Hart remarked that the previous amount was well below current fast food wages in the area.

The council viewed but took no action on a proposed ordinance to govern the salaries of its members and the mayor. No salary amounts were presented, though Hart noted that the current amounts have been in place for several years. The ordinance, under the law, must be passed by Feb. 26, 2025, six months before the next municipal election, so the council will need to propose salary amounts and vote on the ordinance at its February meeting.

Hart and Town Clerk Connie Moore presented a summary of expenditures from the Town's Rebuild Alabama Act fund on local road projects in fiscal year 2024. The Town spent $28,300 during the year on repairs to New Hope Road/County Road 1669 in front of the three Holly Pond schools, with $15,000 coming from Rebuild Alabama funds and $13,300 coming from the Town's General Fund. The project is complete.

The council also passed an ordinance agreeing to use County-provided electronic vote counting devices for the upcoming election, and welcomed new businesses to town including Auto Zone coming to the old Dollar General, Insane McCain Fireworks next to Jack's, Early Bird Chiropractic on Brooklyn Road near Governors Park and a new storage building dealer on U.S. Highway 278 near Stewart's Carquest Auto Parts.

The Holly Pond Town Council meets at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Guy Hunt Library. The public is invited to attend.

Cullman City and County schools closed Friday

Cullman City offices closed as well

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Baileyton council welcomes new town clerk, talks community improvements



KATIE SPICER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Baileyton Town Council is seen on Monday, Jan. 6, 2024.

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CRIME
Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 8

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 8, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; **FTA** = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICEDEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 2

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $232; Olive St. SW

Jan. 6

• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassing communications; person
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $166; Olive St. SW
• harassment; person; Cherokee Ave. SW

Jan. 7

• criminal trespass-3rd degree; Chevron; 4th St. SW
• domestic violence-3rd degree; theft of property-2nd degree; person; pistol; $400; Kilpatrick Ln. NW
• duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '15 Mercedes; $100; 3rd St. SE

ARRESTS

Jan. 6-7

Curvin, Meshach J.; 29

• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree
• FTA – attempt to elude
• FTA – assault-3rd degree
• FTA – criminal mischief-3rd degree
• FTA – resisting arrest
• FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree
• FTA – driving without license
• FTA – insurance violation
• FTA – driving while suspended

Bowyer, Silas B.; 24

• domestic violence-3rd degree
• theft of property-4th degree

Graves, Kevin D.; 38

• criminal trespass-3rd degree
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Mathews, Robert R.; 41

• theft of property-4th degree

Warren, Christopher A.; 30

• FTA – running red light
• FTA – driving without license (2 counts)
• FTA – expired tag

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

Find arrest and incident reports online Monday-Friday at www.CullmanTribune.com.

CORRECTION

The Arrests and Incidents reported for Jan. 6, 2025, printed in the Jan. 7, 2025, issue of The Cullman Tribune contained an error regarding the arrest of John William King. King was arrested for permitting dogs to run free, not possession of drugs or possession of drug paraphernalia.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

Cullman County Republican Women Monthly Meetings
Second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman VFW. President Cathi Bradford: "We are going to begin training to track legislation in Montgomery. If you need information, you can directly message me on Facebook." Full meals at 5:30. Meetings start at 6.

The Crossing Food Bank
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman (in the Housing Authority).

Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

Baileyton Bargain Days
First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Friday, Jan. 10 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, Jan. 12 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.
• Sunday, Jan. 12 - 5 p.m. Healing service

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Cullman Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

The Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

Fairview Lions Club Bean Supper
Saturday, Jan. 11, from 4-7 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall, 7525 Alabama Highway 69 North. Beans, cornbread onions and drink for $6. With a dessert, $7. Eat in or carry out. All proceeds go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. For more info, call William at 256-385-5596 or Kita at 256-385-8805.

At the Foot of the Cross Church Revival
Jan. 12-15. Sunday at 6 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday at 7 p.m. 2.25 miles north of Alabama Highway 157, on Eva Road. Evangelist Ryan Wilburn.

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 501-B Fourth St. SW in Cullman.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Jan. 19, at 5 p.m. with Sonlife Quartet from Chattanooga. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-339-1862 or 256-590-1501.

Southern Miss Wonderland Pageant
Sunday, Jan. 26, beginning at 10 a.m. at Vinemont Elementary School. Benefits the Vinemont High School color guard; 25% of registration fees will go to the team. Register at https://tinyurl.com/vinemont.

Polar Bear Plunge
Saturday, Feb. 1, at 10 a.m. at WildWater and the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center. Two names will be drawn from the participants who take the plunge! One winner will receive a one-year family membership CWAC and one winner will receive a four-pack of 2025 season passes to WildWater! You MUST be present to win! The event is FREE to enter, and we are accepting optional donations for our partner, Special Olympics! Register at www.waiverfile.com/b/CullmanCityParksRecreation/Waiver.aspx.

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Sunday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. At the Foot of the Cross Church, 2.25 miles north of Alabama Highway 157 on Eva Road. Tyler Williams and Ryan Wilburn preaching. Please join us for a great time in the Lord.

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Baileyton (from Front)

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BAILEYTON, Ala. – Mayor Windell Calloway on Monday, Jan. 6, called this year's first monthly meeting of the Baileyton Town Council to order, with Councilman Greg Griffin opening with an invocation. The night's business saw the council name the new town clerk, and discuss community improvements.

The council first discussed old business, including the special-called meeting held Dec. 9, 2024, in which it interviewed candidates for the position of town clerk. At the conclusion of the interviews, Councilman Benny Guthrie made a motion to move into an executive session. During this session, the council voted on the top three candidates. Summer Bixler accepted the position at a rate of $18 per hour. The council voted unanimously to approve Bixler for the position at its Jan. 6 meeting.

Next up, the council reflected on the annual Christmas event hosted by the Town of Baileyton and the Baileyton Volunteer Fire Department. At this event, over 500 hotdogs and hamburgers were served, a trailer full of toys was given to children and visitors reported staying for over an hour and a half to participate in the experience. Said Mayor Calloway said, "I really want to thank the fire department, the people really liked it...It was a really big success that has grown every year."

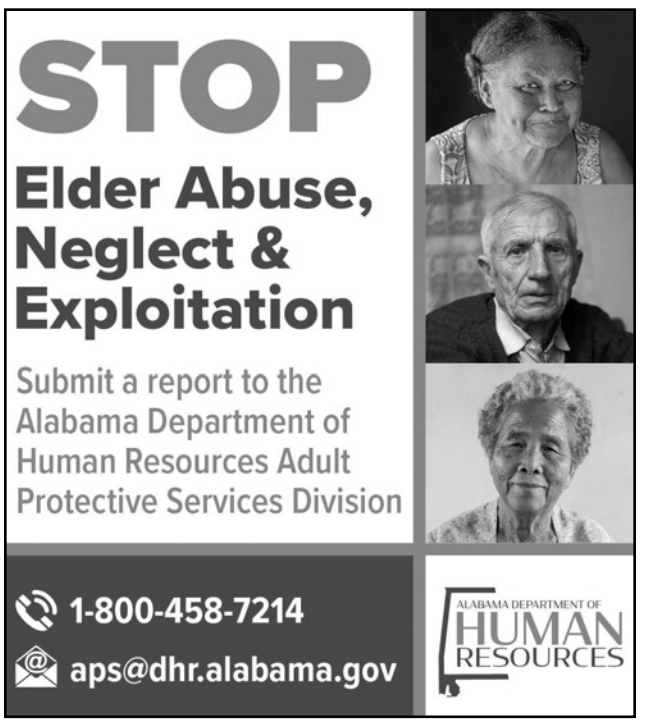
In new business, the council discussed community improvements. Calloway shared that new signs have been posted for various roads throughout the town. The council asked for the community's help in identifying street lights in need of service.

Report street lights that are in need of service by calling town hall at 256-796-6447 with the address of the area in need.

The council also set its monthly meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year as the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. The next town council meeting will be Monday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall, located at 95 Fire Station Road.


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Fairview (from Front)

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. – The Jan. 6, 2024, meeting of the Fairview Town Council was called to order by Mayor Keith Henry and opened with an invocation by Councilwoman Julie Grimes. The council's business included discussions on progress toward a new town park, as well as scholarships for student athletes.

Park progress was up first. The council and engineers are working together to finalize their grants and budget by February 2025. Henry stated, "I have been talking to a lot of members of the community about in-town labor." He reassured the council that several local businesses and residents have volunteered their skills to assist in making this project a reality.

In other news, the Town of Fairview has discussed a partnership with the John Hunt Family Foundation. During his lifetime, John Hunt served as the Cullman City Parks and Recreation director. After his passing, the Hunt family established the foundation in his honor to help children in sports. The foundation will make a donation to help students pay for sports registration fees and equipment. This would allow the Town to offer limited scholarships for athletes.

Furthermore, the council approved a motion to close the trailer park located on Wesley Avenue behind town hall. This decision was made due to the condition of the property and the lack of revenue. Residents of the trailer park will have to relocate by June 2025.

The next Fairview Town Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Feb. 3, at Fairview Town Hall located at 7525 Alabama Highway 69.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Cullman opens area play with 74-42 win over Mortimer Jordan, Lady Bearcats fall 61-51

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman was back home at Bearcat Arena to open area play against Mortimer Jordan Tuesday night and the Bearcat teams split their matchups with the Blue Devils. The Lady Bearcats led Mortimer Jordan early in the second quarter but after falling behind at halftime, they were unable to come from behind and fell to the Blue Devils 61-51. In the boys' game, the Bearcats got off to a fast start on both ends of the court and tipped off area play with a dominant, 74-42 win over Mortimer Jordan.

Cullman 74 – Mortimer Jordan 42 (Varsity Boys)
The Bearcats got off to a fast start in this one. A pair of Jake Dorough baskets and a three-pointer from Sam Dorough gave Cullman a 7-2 lead early in the opening period. Brooks Loftin and Evans Wilson each scored inside to make it 11-2 and Max Brooks buried a three to put the 'Cats in front 14-4. A pair of Jake Dorough buckets extended Cullman's lead to 18-7 at the end of the first quarter.

The Bearcats were able to create even more separation in the second quarter. After Jake Dorough split a pair of free throws, Preston Gay laid one in and Loftin converted an and-one play to stretch the lead to 24-8.

A pair of Sam Dorough free throws and another three from Brooks made it a 29-10 game with five minutes remaining in the opening half.

Three-pointers by Sam Dorough and Gay helped build the lead up to 37-10 later in the period and after that, Sam Dorough scored the next five Cullman points to make it a 42-15 game. Wilson and Sam Dorough added more free throws before the end of the second quarter and the Bearcats went into the locker room with a commanding, 45-15 lead at halftime.

Cullman's dominance continued in the third quarter. Three-pointers from Wilson, Gray Hopper and Gay gave the 'Cats a 54-17 lead early in the period and Loftin hit a pair of free throws to make it 54-19 midway through the quarter. Baskets by Emory Bonds and Griffin Carter extended the lead to 60-21 and Loftin laid another one in to make it 62-21 with just over a minute to play in the period. Loftin added one more basket in the paint, Wilson threw down a dunk and Jake Dorough buried a three in the final minute of the third to put Cullman in front 70-31 at the start of the fourth.

Wilson and Loftin each scored early in the fourth quarter to keep the 'Cats ahead 74-35 and with the clock running, Cullman cruised the rest of the way, collecting a 74-42 area win over Mortimer Jordan.

Five Bearcats finished the game in double figures, led by Sam Dorough with 15. Loftin posted 13, Jake Dorough had 12 and Wilson and Gay each added 10.

Mortimer Jordan 61 – Cullman 51 (Varsity Girls)
Cullman got off to a strong start, building an early, 6-0 lead with a score from Rachel Hoffman and a pair of Molly Wilson baskets. Hoffman laid another one in to make it 8-0 and after the Blue Devils hit a three on the other end, Hoffman and Zoe Snider each drained a free throw to keep the 'Cats in front 10-5 midway through the period. Another bucket from Wilson gave Cullman a 12-9 lead with two minutes remaining in the first but Mortimer Jordan was able to pull ahead and take a 17-12 lead by the start of the second.

Molly Dorough buried back to back three-pointers to put Cullman in front 18-17 early in the second quarter. However, the only offense the Bearcats could put together in the rest of the first half was some free throws, and the Blue Devils outscored Cullman 23-11 in the period to take a 40-23 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Dorough laid one in to get the third quarter started and a pair of Hoffman baskets trimmed the lead to 44-29. Dorough sank a couple free throws and Hoffman scored two more baskets to make it a 44-35 game. Hanback hit a pair of free throws in the final 40 seconds of the period to make it 47-37 going into the fourth quarter.

Dorough knocked down another three to hold the lead to 50-40 early in the fourth and her next basket made it a 54-42 game with around five minutes on the clock. Wilson laid one in to make it 57-44 later in the period and she drilled a three from just across half court as the final buzzer sounded but it wasn't enough to overcome the Blue Devil lead and the 'Cats dropped their area opener 61-51.

Dorough led the way with 19 points in the loss, followed by Hoffman with 15 and Wilson with 14.

Cullman's games against Jasper scheduled for Friday have been postponed to Jan. 21 due to the incoming inclement weather so the next time the Bearcats will be back on the court will be at Hartselle next Tuesday.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Sam Dorough led Cullman with 15 points in its 74-42 area win over Mortimer Jordan Tuesday night.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Molly Dorough led the Lady Bearcats with 19 points in their 61-51 loss to Mortimer Jordan Tuesday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Broncos collect 59-30 area win over J.B. Pennington, Broncos fall to Tigers 43-41

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Holly Pond Broncos and Lady Broncos were back home for a pair of area matchups against J.B. Pennington Tuesday night and they split their games with the Tigers. In the girls' game, Holly Pond jumped out to a big lead early and raced past the Tigers 59-30 but in the boys' game, J.B. Pennington scored a go-ahead basket in the final minute of the fourth quarter to edge the Broncos 43-41.

Holly Pond 59 - J.B. Pennington 30 (Varsity Girls)
J.B. Pennington nailed a shot to get on the scoreboard first, but unlike the weather outside, Holly Pond quickly heated up on both sides of the ball. Ava Thomas split her free throws, then a steal by Millie McBee would lead to a fast break layup by Madison Butts, as that gave the Lady Broncos a 3-2 lead. Butts added a driving layup, Sadie Nail put in a basket down low, Thomas and Maggie Nail each drained a three, and Thomas added a short jumper to push their lead to 15-2. McBee scored the final five points of the quarter, including a three-point play, as they quickly stretched their lead to 20-2 going into the second.

Thomas and Butts each added baskets in the paint to make it a 24-2 lead for the Lady Broncos. Five straight points by Thomas, plus a pair of free throws by Blakely Baggett, gave them a 31-4 lead. Sadie Nail hit another basket in the paint to make it a 34-9 game, and Holly Pond would take a commanding 34-11 lead into the locker room.

A made shot by Maggie Nail, plus a shot in the paint by Thomas and a trey by Butts, increased their lead to 41-19. McBee, Maggie Nail, and Thomas each knocked down a shot to end the quarter for the Lady Broncos, as their lead swelled to 49-24 going into the fourth. Butts put in a shot in the paint, and Alana Phillips drilled a trey to make it a 54-26 game, and late baskets by McBee and Butts helped secure a 59-30 area win for Holly Pond.

Thomas led the way for Holly Pond (15-5, 5-1) with 18 points. Butts posted 14 points. McBee ended up with 10 points, and Maggie Nail finished with eight points.

J.B. Pennington 43 - Holly Pond 41 (Varsity Boys)
J.B. Pennington jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead early in the first quarter. Holly Pond got on the scoreboard almost midway through the first quarter, as five straight points by Sawyer Olinger cut it to 6-5. Cade Allbright's basket in the paint kept it at a one-point game at 8-7, then a pair of late treys by Ty Dunn gave the Broncos a 14-10 lead going into the second.

A basket down low by Olinger made it a 16-12 game, but an 8-2 run by the Tigers gave them the lead right back at 20-18. A rebound and putback by Allbright tied the game up at 22 going into the break. Allbright put in a basket down low to give Holly Pond a 25-22 lead, then Dunn buried a three to push their lead to 29-24 almost midway through the third quarter. A late basket by Allbright made it a 31-28 game, but a pair of free throws by J.B. Pennington cut it to a one-point game going into the fourth.

Another rebound and putback by Allbright gave the Broncos a 33-30 lead early in the fourth quarter, but a rebound and putback of their own helped the Tigers tied things up at 33. Dunn drilled a pair from the line to give Holly Pond a 35-33 lead, but a 6-0 run by J.B. Pennington gave them the lead right back at 39-35 with 1:36 remaining in the game. Fox Westall got fouled while attempting a three, and he ended up hitting all three free throws to cut it to 39-38. A basket on the other end by the Tigers gave them a three-point lead, then Allbright scored through a foul and ended up hitting the free throw to tie the game up at 41 with a little over a minute left to go in the contest. J.B. Pennington nailed a big jumper to take a 43-41 lead. Holly Pond's last chance to win the game fell just short in the end, as they dropped a heartbreaker to the Tigers, 43-41.

Allbright finished with 15 points for Holly Pond (9-12, 2-4). Olinger added 12 points, and Dunn ended up with 11 points.

Holly Pond will host Vinemont next Tuesday for a big area matchup against the Eagles.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Ava Thomas led the Lady Broncos with 18 points in their 59-30 win over J.B. Pennington Tuesday night.

3Sixty Jeep Club ready to assist Cullman area ahead of winter weather

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CULLMAN, Ala. — As potential inclement weather approaches, 3Sixty Jeep Club is gearing up to provide critical assistance to residents of Cullman and surrounding counties. Known for its commitment to community service, the nonprofit organization is prepared to assist with transportation and recovery efforts during Friday's winter storm. Those in need can request assistance by filling out the Ride Assistance Form on the club's website at https://3sixtyjeepclub.com. A four-hour notice is required to ensure proper coordination.

When a transportation request is submitted via the form, the club coordinates with available volunteers to ensure a timely response. "Once we receive the request, we get in contact with the available volunteer and get them dispatched," explained Jenny Smith, a club representative. "The volunteer will then contact the individual needing assistance, confirming the request has been received and staying in contact with the individual and base services until the ride is complete."

3Sixty Jeep Club operates as part of the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) network. This collaboration ensures effective disaster response through coordination with the County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), FEMA and other nonprofit organizations. "VOAD stands for Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster," 3Sixty Jeep Club shared on its Facebook page. "The purpose is to provide effective services to communities affected by disasters through cooperation, communication, coordination, and collaboration."

"With us being a nonprofit organization, we are geared towards community outreach," shared Summer Shaddix, public relations spokesperson for 3Sixty Jeep Club.

"There are multiple businesses working hand in hand with the VOAD, EMA and FEMA but have limited resources with offroad and recovery needs, so that's where we come in.

"When a need arises, we will then receive a call or text from the local EMA/VOAD informing us of the need and that's when we begin dispatching."

Shaddix confirmed that the club has been activated by the EMA as of Wednesday and is standing by to assist.

The club's volunteers undergo extensive training, including off-road recovery, CPR, first aid and FEMA-based certifications. Many of its members are first responders, ensuring a professional and prepared team during emergencies.

As the winter weather looms, Shaddix encourages residents to stay safe. "Please remain home unless you are essential and enjoy the break.



3SIXTY JEEP CLUB

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If you need our services, bear with us as we have an influx of requests." The club emphasized patience during high-demand periods and assured the community they are committed to meeting needs as efficiently as possible.

"We are here to give a hand and help when needed," Shaddix added. "We are always looking for volunteers. You don't have to own a Jeep but hang out with us long enough and you will own one."

For more information on 3Sixty Jeep Club's efforts or to get involved, visit https://3sixtyjeepclub.com or follow the group's official Facebook page. To request assistance, complete the Ride Assistance Form as early as possible to ensure a timely response.

Winter preparedness tips for homeowners from Cullman Electric Cooperative

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CULLMAN, Ala. — As winter weather approaches and storms are rolling in, Cullman Electric Cooperative is offering valuable tips for residents to stay safe and comfortable, particularly during power outages caused by severe weather like snow and ice.

Vice President of Member Engagement & Communications Brian Lacy provided practical advice for those who rely on electric heat and other power-dependent devices, ensuring they are prepared in case of extended outages.

For those who rely on electric heat, Lacy suggested several cost-effective strategies to stay warm during a power outage.

"National energy experts recommend setting your thermostat to 68 degrees or lower when you're home," he said.

Lowering the temperature when you're sleeping or away can also help conserve energy.

Sealing air leaks around windows and doors is another simple yet effective way to increase home comfort.

"Caulking and weather stripping around windows and doors can save energy and keep your home warmer," Lacy explained.

"A quick fix for leaky doors is to place a towel at the bottom to block cold air."

In addition to adjusting the thermostat and sealing leaks, Lacy recommended bundling up in warm clothes and using blankets to stay comfortable.

"Wearing wool socks or slippers can help regulate body temperature and keep you warm," he noted.

"The strategic use of window coverings can also make a difference.

"Open blinds during the day to let sunlight warm your home, and close them at night to keep cold air out," he said.

For residents who depend on medical equipment that requires power, Lacy stressed the importance of having a backup plan.

"Anyone who has medical equipment that requires power needs to have a backup generator or a safe place to go during an extended power outage," he advised.

While Cullman Electric Cooperative strives to maintain service 24/7, outages can still occur, and it's essential to be prepared for such situations.

Lacy urged residents to report any outages immediately through the cooperative's 24-hour phone system, text message or online.

"The faster we can establish the details, the faster our crews can begin restoring power," he said.

Space heaters can provide warmth in specific rooms, but Lacy offered safety tips to prevent accidents.

"Make sure to plug your space heater directly into a wall outlet—never use extension cords or power strips," he said.

It's also crucial to check the condition of the heater's cord and plug while keeping children away.

"Keep your space heater at least three feet away from children, pets, and flammable items," Lacy warned. "When purchasing a space heater, consider one with an automatic shutoff feature for added safety."

When snow, ice or storms cause significant power outages, Cullman Electric Cooperative is committed to restoring service as quickly and safely as possible, he said.

"Every storm and every power outage are unique, and while we can't guarantee power, we work hard to respond as quickly as possible," Lacy said.

"The cooperative stays prepared for any severe weather, and quick response depends on accurate information. Residents are encouraged to report outages, which helps the team assess the situation and prioritize restoration efforts."

For more winter energy-saving tips and information on how to prepare for and report power outages, visit www.cullmanec.com.

Threat (from Front)

snow/sleet/slush/mess. The Birmingham metro area is on a thin line between high impact and just a temporary inconvenience. THE DIFFERENCE HERE WOULD BE SLEET. More sleet means a longer period of icy roads in Shelby and Tuscaloosa; less sleet means we clear faster.

• In Huntsville, Decatur, Cullman, Gadsden, Fort Payne, Albertville, Scottsboro, The Shoals and neighboring communities, it's mostly snow with a little sleet. You're going to want to stay home if you can. Plain and simple.

• Will roads be okay on Saturday? Some will be, some won't. You'll want to be plugged in for updates from local law enforcement and emergency managers to know how bad travel is in a particular area.

• What about Sunday? Most roads in the Birmingham area will be fine by Sunday. Cullman, Snead, Gadsden north to Huntsville? Some will, some won't. We'll just have to see how well the sun can work on melting all of this.

Get the latest forecast and other information at:

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• www.wvtm13.com/weather
• www.weather.gov/hun
• www.facebook.com/CullmanCountyEMA

Shelters (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — As arctic air hits the area over the next few days, there are several warming shelters available for those in need.

As of press time, locations include:

• **Hanceville**
Trinity Pentecostal Church of Hanceville warming shelter moving to the Hanceville Civic Center. It will open at 8 a.m. Thursday. 902 Commercial St., Hanceville

• **Fairview**
Etha Baptist Church "will provide shelter during the cold night hours, starting Monday and continuing through next week for those in need." 8417 County Road 1545, Cullman

• **Dodge City**
Dodge City Town Hall basement "will be open throughout the weather event. We kindly ask all visitors to treat the space with respect and keep it clean and orderly." 130 Howard Circle, Hanceville

• **Cullman**

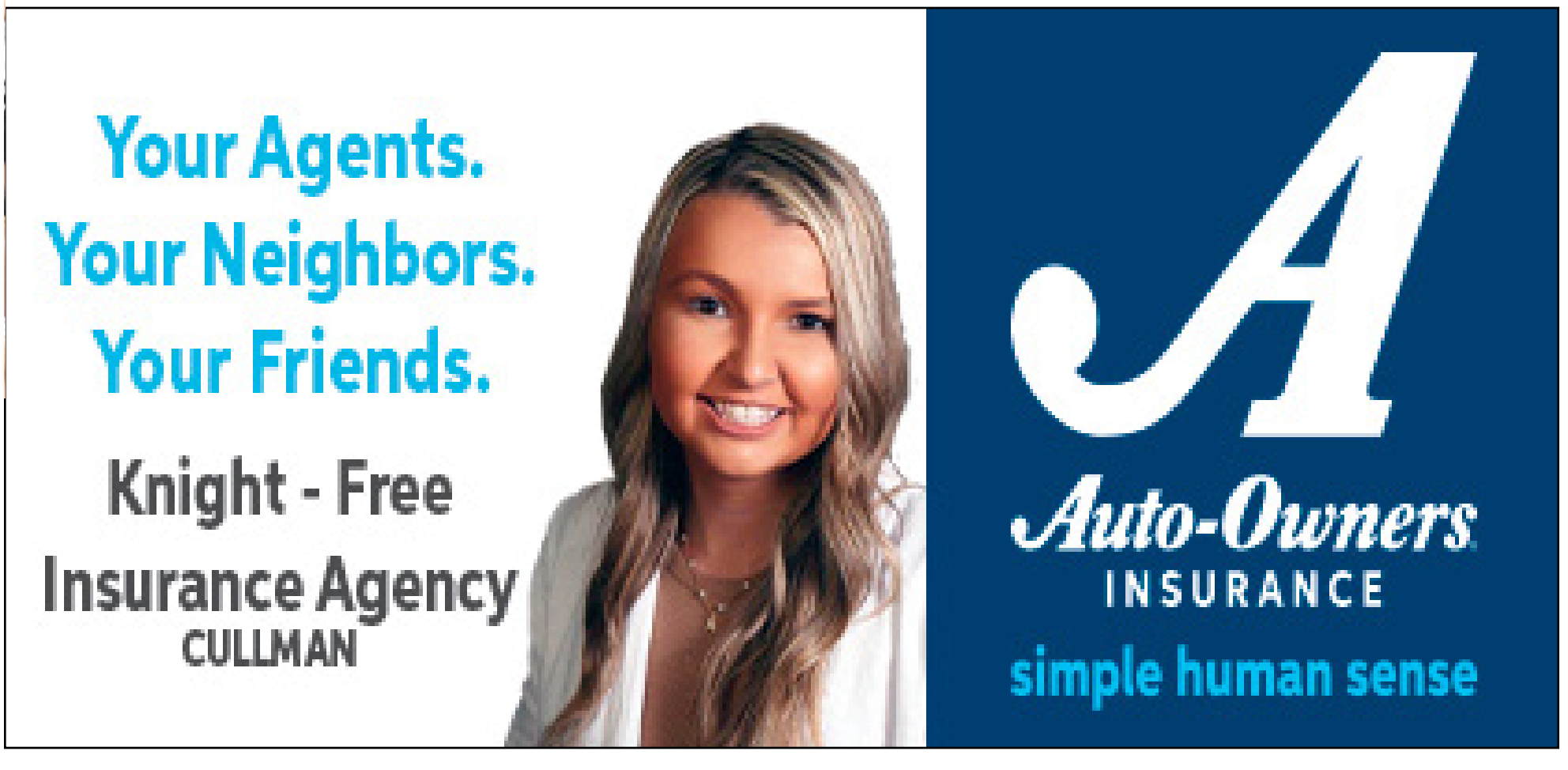
Donald E. Green Active Adult Center
• Through Friday, Jan. 10
• 7 p.m. until 30 minutes prior to the center opening. (If no one is checked in by 9 p.m., the center will close)
• Prohibited items: No pets/animals, firearms/weapons, cigarettes, tobacco, vapes, e-cigarettes or alcohol allowed. Police presence will be on-site.
• If center is closed and you need assistance, please call Dispatch at 256-775-7145.
• 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW, Cullman

Unsheltered International
Possibly. "We will provide updates if additional days become available." 30 County Road 1184, Cullman

The Gathering Place (Link of Cullman County)
"The Gathering Place may be made available if necessary. We will update you on its status if it opens." 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman

If cots are required at any of these locations, the Cullman County EMA will supply them. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own personal bedding.

For additional information about warming shelter locations and hours of operation, visit www.facebook.com/CullmanCountyVOAD.



Ivey offers statement following passing of security detail member Justin Williams

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Governor Kay Ivey on Tuesday shared the tragic news that a member of her security detail, Justin Williams, passed away at the age of 42 after his courageous battle against cancer.



OFFICE OF GOV. KAY IVEY

Justin Williams

The governor issued the following statement:
"Today, we lost a member of our team, Justin Williams. Justin has served on my security detail since 2019, and tomorrow would have marked 19 years of service as a State Trooper. Justin was a professional in every sense of the word. He was effective, worked well with his colleagues, my staff and me. Truly, he was a real gentleman.

"This Earth will be a little less bright – and funny – without Justin, but I am confident he is at peace with God in Heaven.

"My prayers are with his family, especially his daughter. God bless, Justin! He was a faithful public servant until the end."

In addition to his 19 years as an Alabama State Trooper, Williams earned his bachelor of science, as well two master's degrees, from Faulkner University.

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Urologist Rodney Sanders joins Cullman Regional Medical Group

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Urologist Rodney Sanders, MD, has joined Cullman Regional Medical Group and will begin seeing patients in the hospital's urology clinic on Tuesday, Feb. 4, according to Cullman Regional.

Sanders has been caring for patients in the Cullman area as an independent physician for 29 years.

"Adding him to the hospital's employed physician group further enhances Cullman Regional's expansion of local urology care including the addition of two more urologists in the coming months," said a media release from the hospital.

The hospital recently announced that urologist Louis Remynse, MD, joined its urology group and will start seeing patients in January.

In March a female urologist, Leor Arbel, MD, is expected to come on board as well.

This means that over the next three months Cullman Regional's urology clinic will expand from one to four board certified physicians.

"We're proud to grow this service line to benefit our community and believe that the addition of Dr. Sanders is paramount in this initiative," said Lisa Courtney, vice president of physician services at Cullman Regional.

"His patients have come to rely on him, and we want them to be able to continue their care with him."

Dr. Sanders has practiced urology in Cullman since 1995.

He earned a medical degree from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis and completed his residency at Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston where he served as chief resident.

Cullman Regional Medical Group Urology Clinic will be located at 1948 Alabama Highway 157, Professional Office Building 1, Suite 450, Cullman, AL 35058.

Over the next few weeks, Cullman Regional staff will contact patients of Dr. Sanders to confirm appointments scheduled on or after Feb. 4, and provide information about the transition.

Patients with immediate questions regarding the new clinic location should call 256-735-5390.



CULLMAN REGIONAL

Dr. Rodney Sanders

Disaster preparedness tips for those living with diabetes

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For those with diabetes, it can be difficult to manage chronic disease day to day, but add in a natural disaster and it can even be scary. Natural disasters could leave us without power, food and drinking water for days, along will obstacles to getting medical attention. It's important to be equipped for the impact of natural disasters, especially when managing a chronic disease like diabetes.

Personal identifiers
When preparing for disasters it's important to have personal information about your diabetes on hand to make sure you get the appropriate medical attention. Make sure to store these items in a safe place and inside a waterproof container or storage bag. You can even give extra copies of this information to a trusted family member or friend.

This information includes, but is not limited to:

• Medical ID bracelet/necklace. This is always good to have for any emergency situations.

• Emergency contacts. Make sure to update this list regularly.

• Information about your primary doctor and other specialists. Make sure to talk with your doctor about your disaster plan beforehand.

• Copies of your ID and health insurance cards. It's important to keep up with the expiration dates of these cards.

• **Important medical information, including:**

• Your type of diabetes

• List of all medications (even vitamins or herbal remedies)

• Prescribed diabetes regimen (when and how you take your medication)

• Additional medical conditions (e.g., high blood pressure, high cholesterol)

• Prior procedures or surgeries

• Allergies

• Most recent labs (e.g., A1C)

Diabetes-related supplies
You should prepare to have at least a week's worth of supplies needed for your regular diabetes management. If possible, try to aim for a month.

This includes items needed to manage your blood sugar levels, which may include the following:

• Insulin and glucagon kits. Make sure to have a cooler and freezer packs needed to follow proper storage guidelines. Learn more about safe storage for insulin and how long insulin can last without refrigeration from the Diabetes Disaster Response Coalition in its publication, Safe Storage of Insulin.

• Lancets. Have empty containers on hand to dispose of used lancets or needles.

• Glucometer and glucometer strips. Portable chargers or extra batteries are recommended to make sure this device will have lasting battery life. Check the expiration date on the glucometer strips regularly and replace them when out of date.

• Ketone strips. Double check your health status by testing your urine.

• Writing utensils and paper. Use these to record symptoms, blood sugar levels, and other important information.

Wound care
Having a first-aid kit available is always a good idea for cleaning and bandaging injuries.

When you have diabetes this is especially important since this condition affects normal wound healing. If not already included in the first-aid kit, take care to include alcohol wipes.

These can even be useful when checking blood sugar levels. Remember to also wear protective footwear and check your feet daily for any cuts or blisters.

Nutrition
It's important to have non-perishable food items and a supply of drinking water when preparing for a storm.

For people with diabetes, this includes a quick-acting source of glucose in case your blood sugar levels drop. Examples of this could be candy, juice, or regular soda.

People on dialysis, which can be a complication of diabetes, may not be able to access or reach their dialysis clinic in a storm. Therefore, there is a temporary three-day emergency diet plan available to help manage nutrient levels. This diet plan is available through the National Kidney Foundation.



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Prepare today
It's never too early to start preparing for a disaster. Emergencies and natural disasters can happen at any time, so take care to prepare today by regularly updating supplies and checking the expiration dates.

For more information, check out the following resources:

• American Diabetes Association Tips for Emergency Preparedness

• CDC Diabetes Care During Emergencies

• American Associate for Clinical Endocrinology Managing Diabetes During an Emergency

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Baby (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Baby, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week, is a 4-month-old Tuxedo Ragdoll kitty. He absolutely enjoys cuddles and is calm and affectionate.

This sweet lil guy is litter box trained so he's ready for a new home. Baby is described as the perfect therapy/companion/reading cat.

His adoption fee is $100, which includes neuter, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If Baby has already been adopted, look around the shelter and meet some of his friends, both young and old, as there are many pets looking for their forever homes.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

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LEGALS

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80:

2015 Jeep Patriot, green, VIN# 1C4NJPBAXFD185838

If not claimed, this vehicle will be sold for towing, repair and work done. Sale date is Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. Call Vance Johnson at 256-339-5752.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Mortgage executed by **Rachel N. Becerril and spouse, Adrian Isaac Estudillo Beerril,** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage dated July 13, 2022, and recorded on July 14, 2022, in Mortgage Book 2021 Page 330 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama; as modified by that Modification of Mortgage executed by **Rachel N. Becerril, a widow,** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Modification of Mortgage dated July 3, 2024, and recorded on July 5, 2024, in Mortgage Book 2089 Page 352 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the undersigned Traditions Bank, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama, on **January 21, 2025,** between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

All that part of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 8, T11S, R3W Cullman Co, AL being described as: Beginning at a point on the North line of said forty 51.7 feet West of the NE corner of said forty; thence South 89 degrees 00 minutes West along said North line 209 feet; thence South 1 degree 00 minutes East 209 feet; thence North 89 degrees 00 minutes East 209 feet; thence North 1 degree 00 minutes West 209 feet to the true point of beginning. Situated, lying and being in Cullman Co, AL.

Property address: 317 Good Hope School Road, Cullman, AL 35057

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Michael Motherway, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Northpointe Bank, its successors and assigns dated May 20, 2020; said mortgage being recorded on July 13, 2020 in Deed Book 1920, Page 143, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2107, Page 744, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on February 6, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commence at the Northwest corner of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 16, Township 11 South, Range 5 West, and run thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 13 seconds East a distance of 1016.47 feet to the Point of Beginning of tract herein described; thence run North 89 degrees 42 minutes 13 seconds East, 330.00 feet, thence run North 89 degrees 42 minutes 13 seconds East 167.64 feet to a point on the West right of way line of County Road 222; thence along said right of way line run South 37 degrees 15 minutes 09 seconds West, 566.40 feet; thence run South 45 degrees 14 minutes 02 seconds West, 136.81 feet; thence South 65 degrees 05 minutes 25 seconds West, 72.04 feet; thence leaving said right of way line run North 00 degrees 45 minutes 58 seconds East, 575.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said property is commonly known as **15964 County Road 222, Crane Hill, AL 35053**.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

24-06523AL The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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Obituary Announcements: Dec. 7-8

Jeffrey Lynn Adams, 52
Funeral service for Jeffrey Lynn Adams, age 52, of Cullman, will be Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home chapel, officiated by Bro. Stephen Hastings. Visitation will be held Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, from 5-7 p.m. at the chapel. He will lie in state on Thursday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Interment will be at Flint Creek Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Jeff was born on Sept. 13, 1972, to Bill Adams and Dianne Shedd. He is survived by his parents, Bill Adams and Dianne (Brent) Shedd; loving wife, Sonya Mabry Adams; one son, Braxton Thompson; daughters, Morgan Adams, Caitlin Adams, Katie Velarde (Tyler), and Mabry Thompson; brother, Nathan Shedd (Megan); sisters, Laura Adams (Amy), Tammy Smith, Mandy Nails (Billy); grandchildren, Saylor Velarde, Jack Velarde, J.B. Velarde (deceased), and Arlow Adams. Jeff was a hardworking, giving, selfless, lovable, and loving man. His family will remember him as a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, friend, and neighbor. He was truly a friend to all and was so kind to everyone. He worked for the City of Cullman for 25 years and enjoyed his work every day. He was always working on something and loved to be busy with projects. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Shelba Jean Schultz, 84
Shelba Jean Schultz, age 84, of Cullman, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. A graveside service will be held at South Cemetery in Blountsville, Alabama on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, at 2 p.m. Bro. Phillip Nickles will be officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Shelba was born on April 15, 1940, to Sam and Era Hitt in Blountsville, Alabama. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Franklin Archie Schultz. She is survived by her son, Robert Dale Schultz (Rebecca Lee); grandchildren, Nathan Allen Holderfield (Brea), Kelly Lee Schultz, and Kristy Lee Stephens; great-grandchildren, Maci Nicole Stephens, Everette Jakob Sandlin, and Robert Dutton Sandlin. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Clemons, 86
Graveside Service for Dorothy Clemons, age 86 of Bremen, will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, at Antioch Baptist Cemetery-Bugtussle with Rev. Tommy Graves officiating; burial at Antioch Baptist Cemetery-Bugtussle in Bremen, Alabama. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Clemons passed away on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, at her residence. She was born March 2, 1938, to Wilson and Mrytie Banks. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clarence Clemons; brothers, Lloyd Banks, Dalton Banks, O. D. Banks and sisters, Hassie Thornton and Opal Taylor. Survivors include her sons, Jeff (Deborah) Clemons, Julius (Tiffany) Clemons, Joseph (Pamela) Clemons and Joey Clemons and daughter, Jennifer (Ed) Scott: grandchildren, Jessica, Chloe, Charlie, Cacey, Jodi, Justin, Paige, Amber, Brandy, Brian, LeAnn, John Luke and Jacob and a host of great grandchildren.

John Anthony Duke, 62
Funeral services for John A. Duke of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at New Lebanon Cemetery in Blountsville. The family will welcome friends for visitation on Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Duke was born on Oct. 24, 1962, in Okeechobee, Florida to Oliver and Mary Duke. He passed away at the age of 62 in Hanceville on Jan. 6, 2025. Survivors include his children, Anthony (Meagan) Duke, Adam (Hannah) Duke, and Amanda (Jeremy) Welton; grandchildren, Ella Duke, Emmy Kate Duke, Alyssa Duke, Millie Duke, Colton James Buckelew (Angel Wren), Karson Lain Buckelew and Harvey Duke; mother, Mary Duke; and his brothers, Keith Duke (Nina), Edwin Duke (Gina). He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Duke; and father, Oliver Duke. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Duke Family.

Dale Ray Lambert, 78
Dale Ray Lambert, age 78, of Cullman, passed away on Monday, Jan. 6, 2025. Friends and family are invited to Whiteoak Baptist Church Thursday evening, Jan. 9, 2025, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., to help celebrate the wonderful life of Dale Lambert. We ask that you bring your fond memories and stories to share. Dale was born on Nov. 4, 1946, to Ray Anthony Lambert and Eloise Brasher Lambert. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Eloise Lambert. He is survived by his sons, (the) Jesse Lambert (Amber), Jamey Lambert (Jill), and Ross West; sisters, Martha Lambert Hood (Jerry), Sherry Lambert Ennis (Lynn); grandchildren, Darby Lambert, Cy Lambert, Zeb Lambert, and Charlotte West; a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, family and friends. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Mary Sue Gray, 87
Funeral service for Mary Sue Gray, age 87, of Cullman, is Monday, Jan. 13, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Josh Duncan officiating. Visitation will be held at the chapel from 10-11 a.m. and interment will follow at Cullman Memory Gardens. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Sue was born on Jan. 3, 1938, to Ellis Breeding and Leatha Columbus Henderson Breeding. She passed away on Monday, Jan. 6, 2025, at Princeton Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Gray; children, Chuck Nixon, Ricky Nixon, Bobbie Shedd, and Wanda Walsh; grandchild, Adam Pitts; her brothers and sisters. She is survived by her daughter, Debra (Kert) Parker; grandchildren, Josh Duncan, Gerald McDonald, Jenny Rodgers, Luc Nixon, Jacolby Nixon, Christina (Jason) Cluxton, Tosha Rodgers, Kelsey (Matthew) Clenney, Lexi (Luke) Snider, Raven Nixon; great-grandchildren, Mason Hayes, Taylor (Jesse) Olin, Sadie McDonald, Hana McDonald, Cameron (Autumn) Glasscock, Madeline Cluxton, Jaxon Cluxton, Skylar Rodgers, Alyaah Akers, Cullen Adams, Mathew Clenney, Jr., John Baker Snider; and many great-great grandchildren. Sue loved old country music and bluegrass. She loved to "people watch" and she really loved to make people laugh. She enjoyed reading a good book and she truly loved being with her family and they did her as well. She was a lifetime member of the Moose Lodge and enjoyed being social with others. The following is lovingly written by Sue's family: Mamaw/Nanny was one of the strongest women I've ever met. She was funny and loved to ruffle some feathers. She endured things in her life that would have broken most anyone else. She loved her kids and would walk through fire for all of them, but she didn't want them to know that because she wanted them to be equally as strong. Her heart was tender, but she presented it with a hard exterior. She was independent and looked at help as a handout, which she never needed, because truly she always made her own way. She was absolutely amazing and would have your back no matter if she agreed with what you were doing. She was love and the rock of this family and we are all blessed to have her DNA in us. If we can be half of what she was, we have truly accomplished something. Serving as pallbearers will be Mrs. Gray's family. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Charles "Chuck" Louis Keeton, 62
Charles "Chuck" Keeton, age 62 of Cullman, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, at Cullman Regional. He was born Saturday, Feb. 10, 1962, to Louis Walter Keeton and Mattie Lou Keeton. He was preceded in death by his parents. Services at a later date. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Robbie Mae Hyatt Veal, 78
Funeral service for Robbie Mae Hyatt Veal was held Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Peck Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Steton Hayes officiating and Peck funeral home directing. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Burial will be at Etha Cemetery. Mrs. Veal passed away at her home on Thursday, January 2, 2025. She was born in Tennessee on December 29, 1946 to Joseph and Minnie Hyatt. Mrs. Veal was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She loved her children and grandchildren the most in life. She was an LPN for most of her working years. She was a caregiver to many and mother to lots. She was a genuine person, a queen, solider for the Lord and the closest thing to Jesus that her family had ever seen. She could brighten anyone's day. She was a Christian and loved to visit many different churches. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Euel Veal, father, Joseph Hyatt, mother, Minnie Kimbrell (William), stepmother, Portis Thackston Hyatt, brothers Clyde Hyatt, JR Hyatt, Ernest Hyatt, Larry Kimbrell, Tommy Kimbrell, sister Geneva Overton. She is survived by: Sons - Rex Terrell Westmoreland and his children JT, Tarena Nicole, Destiny Briana and Dillon. - Raymond Westmoreland and his children Levi Austin, Aubrey Jack and Tyler Branon. Daughters - Rita Gail Westmoreland and her children Jonathon Blake and Joshua Scott Hale - Melania Mae Veal and her children Kenneth Austin Veal, Daniel Logan Edmonson, and Angel Spivey Kelly. Brothers - Robert Hyatt, JC Hyatt, Jimmy Hyatt, David Hyatt, Richard Kimbrell, Randy Thackston and Phyllis Thackston. Sisters - Ema Lou Smith and Joyce Kimbrell Long. Brother-in-law - John David Veal. Sisters-in-law - Linda Gail Veal Holmes and Melba Jane Veal Nelson. Several great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be JT Westmoreland, Tim Stephenson, Mark Kyle, Little Allen Ellis, Josh Pratt, Dustin Pigg, Louie Louis, Ken Edmonson and Dylan Sudduth.

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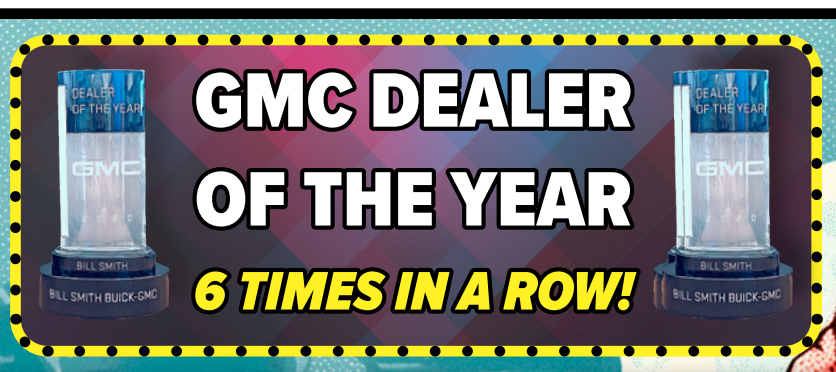


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